

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) announced that Samuel Larson of Davenport received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. Larson will enroll at the Academy in the fall.

“I’m proud to announce that Samuel Larson was accepted to the United States Air Force Academy,” Rep. Braley said. “I nominated Samuel because of his excellent academic record, leadership and outstanding character. Samuel’s qualifications are exceptional, and Iowa should be proud to have such an exceptional young person representing our state at one of America’s finest service academies.”

Larson was one of two Bettendorf High School students chosen to attend a national leadership conference. He is active in the student council and a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as a committee chair. He will graduate from Bettendorf High School this spring.

Every year, Congressman Braley nominates students to the military service academies. Nominees must demonstrate upstanding character, academic achievement, physical fitness, and leadership skills. A nominating committee comprised of community leaders reviews all applicants, with Congressman Braley recommending top candidates to the respective academies. Not all nominated students receive appointments, as final acceptance decisions are made by the service academies.